

Seventy-three percent of New Hampshire's total noninstitutional population was part of the civilian labor force in 2000. This was ranked fourth highest in the nation for 2000. New Hampshire's male participation rate (79.8) ranked third nationally and women (66.7) ranked in seventh place. New Hampshire men haven't ranked that high since 1991 and women since 1994. The civilian labor force in New Hampshire contained a slightly higher percentage of men (52.7) than women (47.2). Eighty-two percent of men in the labor force were between the ages of 25 and 64 years old, compared to 80.7 percent of women. Trends of age distribution in the labor force were

similar between men and women. The highest share of both sexes was in the 35 to 44 year old age group. Not only are these prime working years, but this age bracket made up nearly one-third of the state's population in 2000.

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Labor Force Characteristics

2000 Labor Force Participation by Sex and Age

Age group	Men		Women	
	Number (in thousands)	Share in Labor Force	Number (in thousands)	Share in Labor Force
25 to 34 years	68	18.8%	67	20.6%
35 to 44 years	111	30.6%	95	29.3%
45 to 54 years	74	20.4%	67	20.6%
55 to 64 years	44	12.2%	33	10.2%